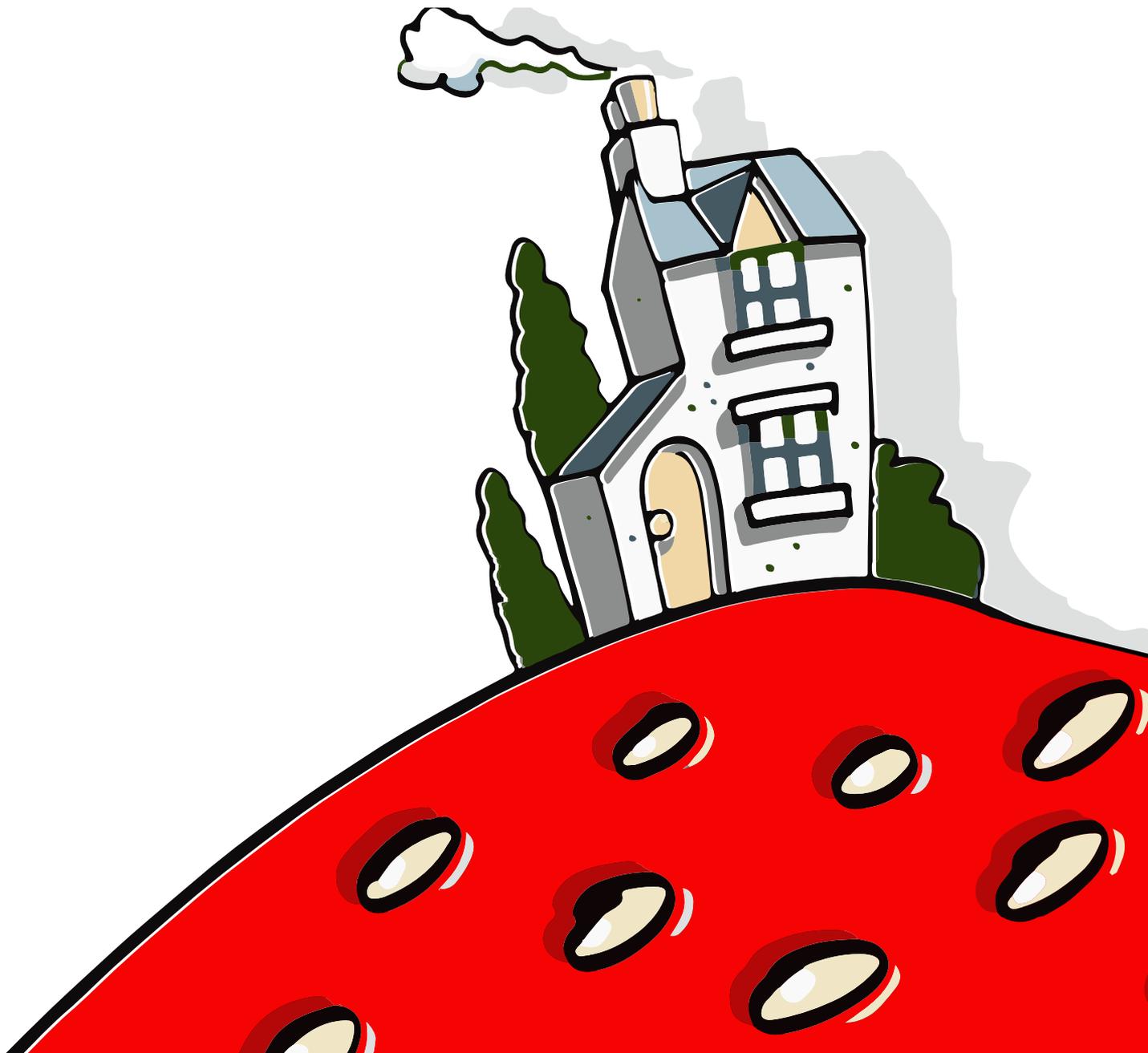


Strawberry Hill Nursery



Our Philosophy

Strawberry Hill Day Nursery provides a stimulating atmosphere to encourage your child's development.

We are passionate about quality Early Years Care and Education. We believe that children learn through play, living, example, interaction and teaching. This concept forms the core of our ethos.



We recognise the importance of each child's healthy self-development, through praise, guidance and encouragement. We aim to achieve this through our daily practices. Children will be encouraged to develop respect, learn to share, and learn to be kind, fair and to develop good manners.

We do not believe in suppressing small children's desires to learn and experiment. These are of great importance for their development and enjoyment of life.

We are committed to equality of opportunity and oppose all forms of discrimination.



Our toys and equipment reflect the social diversity of our society and all children have access to these, ensuring non-stereotypical/non-discriminatory practice with respect for all individuals.

Above all we provide a secure and friendly care environment in which you, the parent, will feel completely relaxed and at ease when leaving your child.



Our Aims and Objectives



To provide a safe and stimulating atmosphere to encourage each child's development.



To develop every child's healthy self-image through play, guidance, support and encouragement.



To encourage children to develop respect, learn to share, learn to be kind to others and develop good manners.



To encourage children's interest in learning through promoting their desire to learn and experiment in an active learning environment.



To work in partnership with parents. To update parents regularly with information about their child's development and the nursery, through newsletters, parents evenings, focus groups and development records.



To constantly train our staff through our in-house training company and through local authority courses, aiming to increase and extend the skills and knowledge our staff currently possess.



To continue to liaise with local schools and members of the local community, allowing us to share good practice.



To continue to monitor, self-evaluate and improve our service to ensure our children and parents are getting the highest quality standard of care.



About Us

Strawberry Hill Nursery is located in a bright, light and spacious facility housed within the Sutton Hill Children's Centre. Our nursery has dedicated departments for individual age groups and also provides out of school care and holiday club services to local Schools. We work in partnership with the local council to offer FREE Funded places for 2 year olds and pre-school children.



Playrooms within the nursery are generously proportioned, carefully planned and extensively resourced to create inspiring learning environments in which children can grow and learn with confidence. Each playroom has access to outdoor play areas offering the opportunity for regular outdoor learning opportunities across all areas of the curriculum. Children make great use of the many surrounding facilities; parks, gardens, theatres, libraries and many more. Strawberry Hill Nursery is an established and trusted centre for early education.

The nursery has won local and national awards in recognition of its exceptional quality standards. Staff are passionate and committed in creating an atmosphere of care, respect, learning and fun which radiates throughout this happy nursery. The nursery is a recognised Investor in People, member of NDNA, Equal Opportunities Employer, and Breast Feeding Nursery. We have been awarded with the Silver Eco Award, Scores on the Doors and are a registered ECAT Setting.

Strawberry Hill is a wonderful nursery for our child. I feel safe leaving him with the fantastic staff, he has a happy day.
Thank you.

Our Team

Strawberry Hill Nursery staff comprises a blend of mature, experienced and professionally qualified nursery nurses and trainees working towards their qualifications. All staff are skilled in expertly guiding your child through the wonders of learning whilst playing. Our staff are dedicated to treating your child with patience, affection, enthusiasm and understanding. All staff participate in ongoing training to constantly progress their own skills and abilities.

When your child starts nursery, a key worker will be appointed. Your key worker will be responsible for liaising with you on your child's progress and development. They will be responsible for monitoring your child's progress and will be happy to speak to you when you collect your child from nursery to summarise your child's day.

Our Manager

Strawberry Hill Nursery Manager, Andrea Burton has a professional certificate in Management, NVQ Level 4 in Children's Care Learning & Development, an NVQ Level 3 in Childcare and Education, an N.N.EB qualification, EYT Status, and a BA in Early Years, with over 20 years of experience working with children of all ages. Andrea manages the nursery and her staff team to ensure the nursery provides a secure family environment where you can feel relaxed and confident in the knowledge that your child is being cared for by dedicated staff in a safe environment.



Senior management from the Bertram Nursery Group offer advice, support and guidance to Andrea and her staff team, and regularly visit the nursery to see all the wonderful things that are taking place. Bertram's Board of Directors are accomplished and experienced in the childcare industry and use their knowledge and experience to guide and support all staff, cascading through a skilled management team.

Age	0-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years
Staff Ratio	1:3	1:4	1:8

*Number of Staff to Number of Children – In accordance with current regulations

Our Nursery Rooms



Babies

In our Baby Room we have highly experienced staff whose priority is to follow the home routine of each baby as closely as possible. There is a spacious play area with a quiet and secure sleeping area. We provide a variety of stimulating activities in a caring and friendly environment in order to promote your baby's all round development. All planning will be displayed on the room wall for you to view and see what activities and development your child will be participating in that week.

Each day staff will take babies out for walks, so they get as much fresh air as possible.

Parents are required to supply wipes, nappies and milk to ensure continuity between home and nursery for all babies. We are a breast feeding friendly nursery and will support mothers returning to work and still wishing to breast feed. Our staff are trained in the storage and use of breast milk and we welcome you visiting to feed during the day where possible.

Here at Strawberry Hill we encourage that when your baby is around 2 years and once they have found their feet we would hope to advance them to the Over 2's Room. This would take place after discussions with yourself.

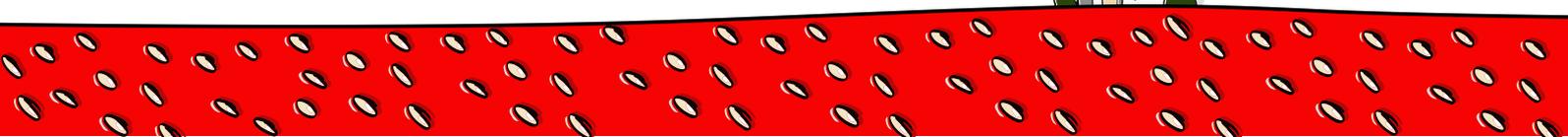


Over 2's Room

After the Baby Room we will look to move your child to the Over 2's Room. This should happen when your child is about 2 years old. We will discuss the transition process with you before any room changes happen. In the Over 2's Room children are cared for under the supervision of experienced staff (Staff Ratio 1:5).

A range of quality toys and activities are provided for the continuing development of your child. The Over 2's Room provides a structured day with a much greater choice of learning opportunities including arts and crafts, construction activities, table top games and much more. We will also introduce early numeracy and literacy skills and activities designed to develop your child's communication skills.

Each day the children spend time outside in the play area or local park. Your child's day is recorded for you to take home so you will know what they have been learning at Strawberry Hill.



Pre-School Room

Strawberry Hill Nursery are recognised as a pre-school centre by the Education Department. In the Pre-School Room children will follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (Staff Ratio 1:8). Your child will progress to the Pre-School Room at around 3 years old.



We pride ourselves on ensuring that when children leave the nursery to move on to school they do so confidently and independently, whilst taking with them the enjoyment of learning and a pride in their achievements. We would strive for your child to be able to have the following skills when leaving the nursery: recognising and writing their own name, demonstrating good observational skills, showing preliminary reading skills, handling good pencil control, showing creative skills and knowledge of numbers.

At the end of each year the children take part in a graduation ceremony where they are presented with their leaving certificates and there is always a special party to mark the end of their time at Strawberry Hill!

Awards and Accolades

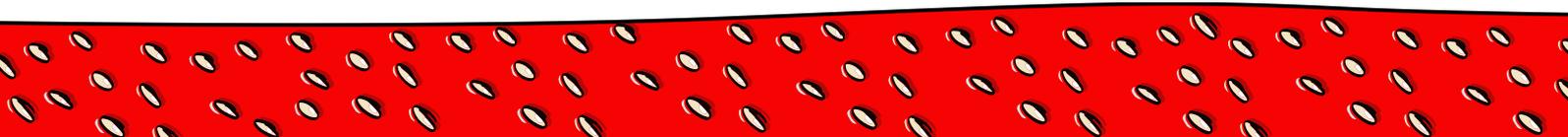
Member of NDNA and registered Eco School having been awarded our Bronze and Silver Awards.



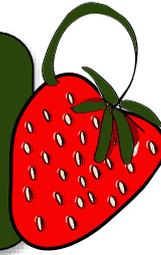
Our passionate commitment to being a leading independent provider of Early Years Care and Education, providing our unique brand of quality to all children has led us to being the proud recipients of many impressive awards, including:

- Recognised Investors in People organisation
- NDNA (National Day Nurseries Association)
- Scores on the Doors
- NHS Menu Accreditations
- Nursery Chain of the Year 2013 – Nursery World Awards
- Eco-Nursery Awards and many more!

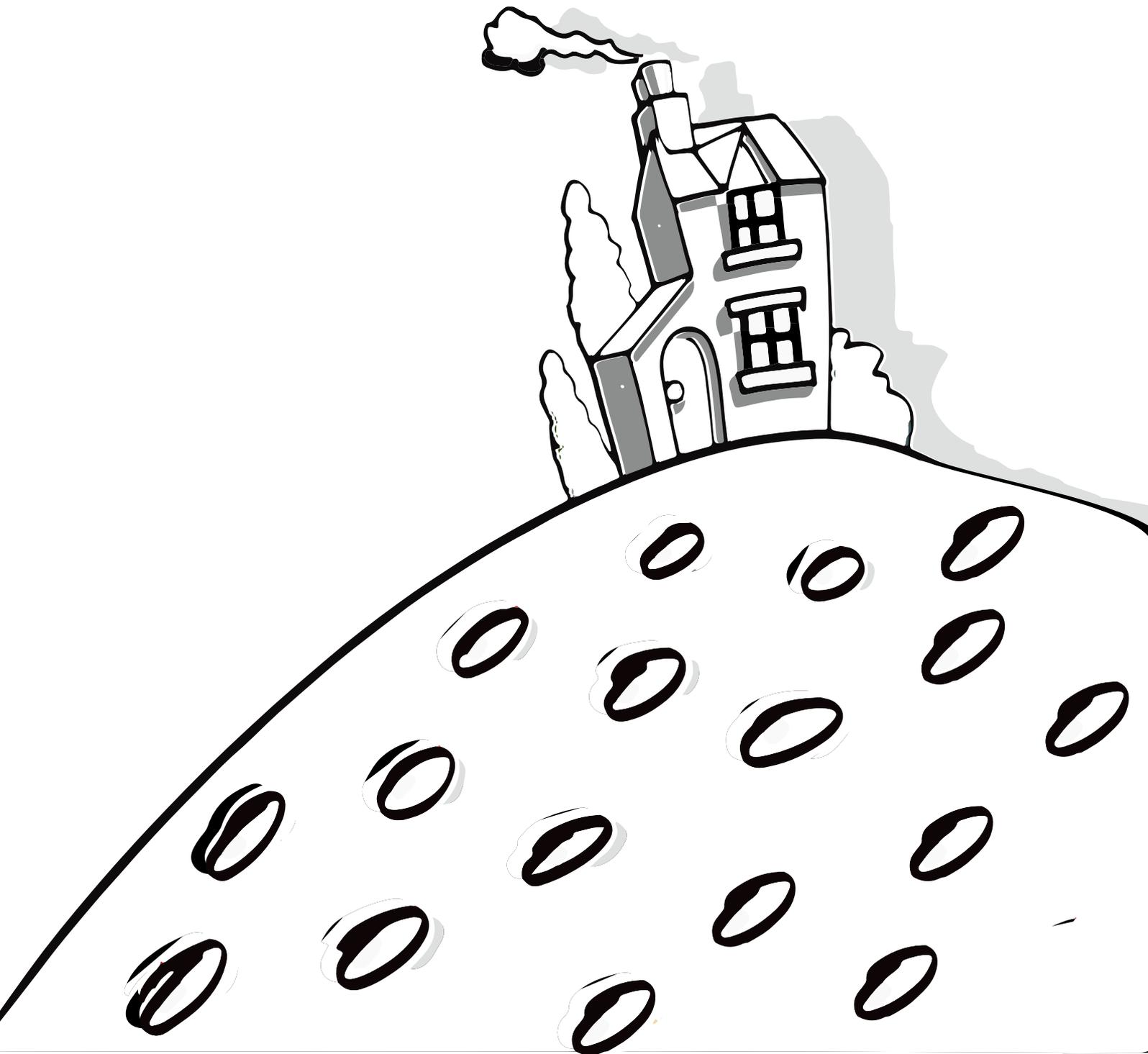
We recognise our people are a great asset and we ensure their skills and abilities continue to drive their passion for providing excellent childcare.



Colour and Fun Time



Oh no! Strawberry Hill has lost its colour. Can you help us colour it back in?





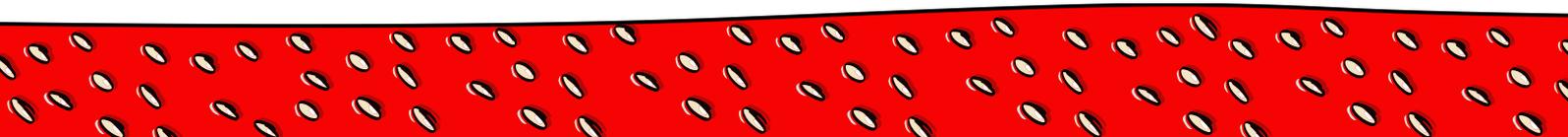
Outdoor Play



We love to get outside at Strawberry Hill, where we have two large outdoor play areas for all children. Children find opportunities to get fresh air and have fun in a safe and secure area. Our main outdoor area comprises of coloured soft safety surface as well as a grassed area with a story telling chair and benches. We have a popular canopied shaded area to ensure protection against the elements. We ask parents to provide their children with appropriate clothing for all types of weather from Wellington - boots to sunglasses.

***We believe there is no such thing as bad weather,
only inappropriate clothing!***

As well as time in our fabulous play area we also enjoy walks in the local area. Our youngest children are often seen out in our double buggies enjoying the fresh air, sights and sounds of the local community. We have Walkodile Child Safety Systems and high visibility vests to keep children safe when out on trips away from the nursery.





Menu

Children are offered delicious, nutritious morning snacks, afternoon snacks and a hot lunch. All meals are home-cooked within the nursery by our qualified on site nursery chef using fresh ingredients and wherever possible organic produce.

Our nursery chef has created a 4 week rolling menu carefully planned to encompass a healthy and well balanced diet, encouraging children to taste and enjoy a variety of mouth-watering meals. All our menus have been NHS accredited ensuring all dietary requirements are catered for. We are happy to help cater for any special dietary requirements and/or allergies that your child may have.

Parents are asked to bring in baby food and all milk feeds for babies, in accordance with current guidance. These will be made up as required and stored safely in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines. If your child is arriving early for nursery and would like breakfast, we are happy to accommodate this requirement, similarly if you would like to bring a packed dinner to the nursery so your child can be ready for bath and bed when getting home, we will be glad to help.

All staff serving food have been fully trained in Food Hygiene. Children are encouraged to help with setting and clearing the tables. Good manners and social skills are always encouraged. We encourage children to choose from the day's menu and help serve their own food. We are passionate about encouraging children to learn the importance of good hygiene. We promote washing hands before and after snacks/ lunch and cleaning teeth after meals.

To receive a sample of our 4 week rolling menu, please contact the Nursery Manager who will be happy to send you a copy of our delicious menu.

Above all food is fun as we encourage all children to share in the joy of fresh, tasty food eaten with friends in a relaxed social setting.



Parental Involvement

Your Child's Progression

In recognition that education begins in the home, we are fully committed to a partnership approach with parents. The needs of each child are discussed in full, prior to admission and on an ongoing basis. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's day with their key worker and individual development records are available at all times for parents to view.

Newsletters, Notice Boards and Parent's Evenings

As a parent you will receive monthly newsletters and regular updates on the parent's notice board which is displayed within the nursery. We hold parent's evenings for each room twice a year, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's development. We also invite you to join our quarterly parent focus group to discuss plans and ideas for the nursery, supporting our ECO council and ensuring we are meeting all your needs as a parent, and your child's needs.

We ask that you share your e-mail address with us so we can easily communicate in this way, reducing paper waste wherever possible. Thank you! ☺

Nursery Events

Strawberry Hill participate in many events throughout the year including garden parties, open days, and charity events. We invite all parents to attend and get involved with these occasions.



Off To School

When your child leaves the nursery to start school you will receive a written report including all the progress your child has made throughout their time at Strawberry Hill. We want to give your child a great farewell and so we hold a leaving graduation for all the children who are about to leave for school.

Environmental Commitment

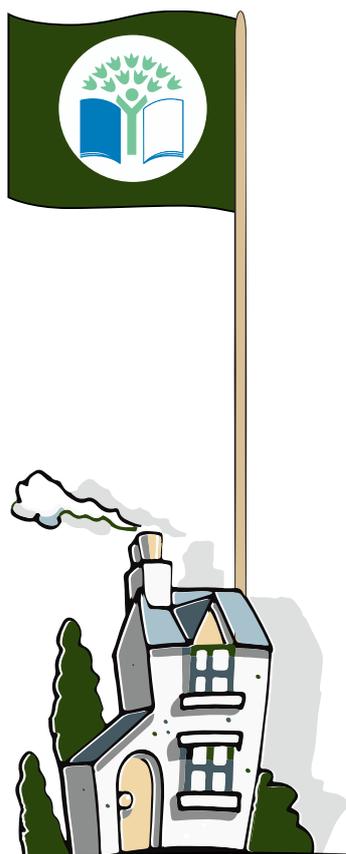
We are committed to being an environmentally friendly nursery, making changes wherever we can to do so, and always considering environmental implications when planning activities for the children.

We are a registered ECO-Nursery and are delighted to be proud holders of our Bronze and Silver Eco Awards in recognition of our commitment to being an environmentally friendly nursery. Our children are passionate recyclers and love nothing better than an afternoon caring for their garden. We will continue in our green approach to develop strong environmental awareness within our children, helping these little green fingers to care for the world for many years.



There are a number of measures which we undertake to protect the environment, these include:

- Recycling all ink cartridges used in our nursery.
- Recycling waste paper and cardboard.
- Using biodegradable cleaning products.
- Where possible purchasing recycled art and stationary materials.
- We will ensure all nappies are disposed of safely and with consideration of the environment.
- Where required we will support parents in the use of eco-friendly nappies.
- Responsible use of power and water supplies.
- Responsible use of our vehicles.
- Using local suppliers where possible to reduce mileage on delivery of our supplies.
- Requesting minimum packaging of supplies and deliveries.



Practical Information

Opening Hours

The nursery cares for children from 6 weeks to 11 years. The nursery will be open Monday to Friday from 7:30am-5:45pm with the exception of four bank holidays and over Christmas.

We provide Breakfast Club care from 7:30am and are available to transport your child to their school. Our After School Care is open term time from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Our Holiday Club is available from 7:30am-6:00pm located at our nursery, we offer drop off and collection from both the John Randall Primary School, and the Sir Alexandra Fleming Primary School.

Our long opening hours are aimed to help cater for working parents, allowing you to plan and arrange any events without having to worry about childcare. At Strawberry Hill we will take care of that for you!

Settling in Procedure

Your child will be settled into the nursery gradually. Firstly spending one hour, building up to a half-day session and then staying for lunch. This phasing in allows the child to become familiar with the nursery surroundings and staff. Parent visits are encouraged whilst your child is gradually introduced to the nursery.

Record Keeping

A set of developmental records are held for each child in the nursery. These are available for viewing at all times and will be constantly updated with pictures and observations made on your child's progress. Open access to your child's records is always available to you and strict confidentiality will be maintained at all times.

Fees

- Sibling Discount 5-10% available
- FREE funded places available
- Teacher Discount and NHS Discount available

**Terms and conditions apply*

Fees Include

- ✓ Quality early year's care and education
- ✓ Freshly made, healthy meals and snacks
- ✓ Celebration of festivals throughout the year
- ✓ Regular outings in the local area
- ✓ Graduation ceremony
- ✓ Quality resources and equipment
- ✓ Tablets and E-Learning Journals
- ✓ EYP Professional
- ✓ Dance classes for all age groups

Sickness

If your child has or is suspected of having an infectious illness it may be necessary for them not to attend nursery. If you find this is the case please contact the Nursery Manager who will be able to clarify prior to dropping your child off at nursery. Should your child develop an illness whilst at nursery you will be contacted immediately.

Insurance and Outings

Strawberry Hill hold public liability insurance and require written parental permission before children are taken on any outings. Risk assessments are completed for each outing. We are highly committed to safety at all times and have invested in the unique Walkodile Child Safety system and high visibility vests for all children. Prams and buggies are regularly checked for signs of wear and tear and are serviced annually.

OFSTED

We are regulated by OFSTED and by environmental health services to help us maintain the highest possible standards within the nursery. Should you wish any further information please do not hesitate to contact:



Ofsted

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Manchester
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We are proud of our regulatory reports and these are available for you to view within the nursery and on our website at:

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